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THE HUMBLE
PETITION
OF THE
Lords and Commons

Assembled in Parliament,

Sent to His Excellency ROBERT
Earle of Essex, to be presented to
His MAJESTY.

O Rdered by the Lords and Commons in
Parliament, That this be forthwith prin-
ted and published.

H. Elsyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

Whereunto is added
His Maiesties Speech and Protestation, Spo-
ken at the head of his Army.

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To the **KINGS**, most
Excellent Majesty,

*The humble Petition of the Lords and
Commons now assembled in Parliament.*



WE Your Majesties most
loyall Subjects, the Lords
and Commons in Parlia-
ment, cannot without
great griefe and tender-
nesse of compassion be-
hold the pressing miseries, the imminent
dangers, the devouring calamities which
doe extremely threaten, and have partly
seised upon both Your Kingdomes of Eng-
land and Ireland, by the practises of a party
prevailing with Your Majesty, who by
many wicked plots and conspiracies, have
attemp-

attempted the alteration of the true religion and the ancient government of this Kingdome, and the introducing of popish Idolatry and superstition in the Church, and Tyranny, and Confusion in the State; and for the compassing thereof, have long corrupted your Majesties Counsels, abused Your Power, and by sudden and untimely dissolving of former Parliaments, have often hindered the reformation and prevention of those mischiefes; and being now disabled to avoyd the endeavours of this Parliament by any such meanes, have traiterously attempted to overaw the same by force, and in prosecution of their wicked designs, have excited, encouraged and fostered an unnaturall rebellion in *Ireland*, by which in a most cruell and outrageous manner many thousands of Your Majesties Subjects there have been destroyed; And by false slanders upon Your Parliament, and malicious and unjust accusations have endeavoured to begin the like massacre here; And being through Gods blessing therein

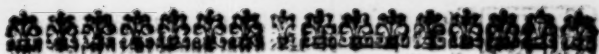
disappointed, have as the most mischievous and bloody designe of all, drawne Your Majesty to make warre against Your Parliament and good subjects of this Kingdome, leading in Your Person an Army against them, as if You intended by Conquest to establish an absolute and illimited Power over them, and by Your Power and the countenancing of Your Presence, have ransacked, spoyled, imprisoned, murdered divers of Your People; and for their better assistance in these wicked designs do seeke to bring over the rebels of *Ireland*, & other Forces from beyond the Seas to joyn with them. And we finding our selves utterly deprived of Your Majesties Protection, & the Authors, Councillors & Abettors of these mischiefes in greatest power and favour with Your Majesty, and defended by You against the justice and authority of Your High Court of Parliament, whereby they are growne to that height and insolence, as to manifest their rage and malice against those of the Nobility and others, who are any whit inclinable to Peace, not without
great

great appearance of danger to Your owne
Royall Person, if you shall not in all things
concur with their wicked and traitterous
courses; Have for their just and necessary
defence of the Protestant Religion, of
Your Majesties Person, Crowne, and Dig-
nity, of the Lawes and Liberties of the
Kingdome, and the Priviledge and Power
of Parliament, Taken up Armes, and ap-
pointed and authorised *Robert Earle of
Essex*, to be Captaine Generall of all the
Forces by us raised, and to lead and conduct
the same against these Rebels and Trai-
tors, and them to subdue and bring to con-
digne punishment.

And do most humbly beseech Your Ma-
jesty to withdraw Your Royall Presence,
and countenance from these wicked per-
sons; and if they shall stand out in defence
of their rebellious and unlawfull attempts,
that Your Majesty will leave them to be
supprest by that power which we have sent
against them, and that your Majesty will
not mixe your owne dangers with theirs;
but in peace and safety, without your For-
ces,

ces, forthwith returne to your Parliament,
and by their faithfull counsell and advice,
compose the present distempers & confu-
sions abounding in both your Kingdomes,
And provide for the security and honour
of your selfe, your Royall posterity,
and the prosperous estate of all your Sub-
jects, wherein if your Majesty please to
yeeld to our most humble and earnest de-
sires, we doe in the presence of Almighty
God, professe, that we will receive your
Majesty with all honour, yeeld you all due
obedience and subjection, and faithfully
endeavour to secure your Person and E-
state, from all danger, and do the utmost
of our power to procure and establish
to your selfe, and to your People, all the
blessings of a glorious and happy Raigne.

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His MAIESTIES Speech and Protestation.

Made in the Head of His Army, betweene
Stafford and Wellington, the 19. of Septemb. 1642,
after the reading of His Orders.

GENTLEMEN,



OU have heard these Orders read: It is
your part in your severall places to ob-
serve them exactly: The time cannot
be long before wee come to Action,
therefore you have the more reason to
be carefull: And I must tell you, I shall be very se-
vere in the punishing of those, of what condition so-
ever, who transgresse these Instructions. I cannot
suspect your Courage and Resolution; your Consci-
ence and your Loyalty hath brought you hither to
fight for your Religion, your King, and the Lawes of
the Land: you shall meet with no Enemies, but
Traitors, most of them *Brownists*, *Anabaptists*, and
Atheists, such who desire to destroy both Church and
State, and who have already condemned you to ruin
for being Loyall to Us. That you may see what use
I meane to make of your valour, if it please God to
blesse it with Successe, I have thought fit to publish
my Resolution to you in a Protestation, which
when you have heard Me make, you will beleewe
you cannot fight in a better Quarrell, In which I
promise to live and die with you.



Do promise in the presence of Almighty God, and as I hope for his Blessing and Protection, That I will to the utmost of my Power defend and maintaine The true Reformed Protestant Religion, established in the Church of England; And by the Grace of God in the same will live and die.

I desire to governe by The known Lawes of the Land, and that The Liberty and Property of the Subject may be by them preserved with the same Care as my owne just Rights. And if it please God, by his Blessing upon this Army raised for my necessary Defence, to preserve me from this Rebellion. I doe solemnly and faithfully Promise in the sight of God, to maintain The just Priviledges and Freedom of Parliament, and to govern by the known Lawes of the Land to my utmost Power, and particularly to observe inviolably The Lawes consented to by Me this Parliament. In the mean while, If this time of War, and the great necessity and straits I am now byden to beget any violation of thes, I hope it shall be imputed by God and Man to the Authors of this War, and not to Me, who have so earnestly laboured for the Preservation of The Peace of this Kingdom.

When I willingly faile in these particulars, I will expect no Aid or Relief from any man, or Protection from Heaven; But in this Resolution I hope for the cheerfull Assistance of all good men, and am confident of Gods Blessing.

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